

MARVEL
COMICS





STAN LEE
PROUDLY
PRESENTS
THE DAWN
OF A NEW
ERA!

NEAR-EARTH SPACE, ON
THE SHADOW SIDE OF
THE TERMINATOR, RACING
FROM DAY TO NIGHT...

WE'RE
HIT!

A WARNING
SHOT, JUST
TO LET US
KNOW THEY
MEAN
BUSINESS.

WE GET
THE BLOODY
MESSAGE!
SO LET'S DO
SOMETHING
ABOUT IT,
OKAY?

WHERE'S
ASTEROID
M?

OUR ENTIRE
PLAN WAS
BASED ON
FINDING THAT
ORBITING HUNK
OF ROCK--

--YOU SWEARED
YOUR PRECIOUS
SENSORS COULD
DO THE JOB--

--SO WHERE
THE DEVIL
IS IT?!!

I DON'T
KNOW!

ALL I'M
SCANNING
IS EMPTY
SPACE!

ABSOLUTELY
SPECTACULAR!

I JUST
NAILED ONE
OF THE
PURSUIT
SHIPS.

KILL THE
OTHER TWO...
...THEN
WE'LL
CHEER.

CHEYENNE
COMMAND
FROM
STRIKE-
EAGLE
LEADER
DELGADO

...ONE CRAFT LOST...

...FUGITIVES
REFUSING TO
ANSWER HAILS/
MUCH LESS
SURRENDER.

REQUESTING
RELEASE TO
RETURN FIRE.

STUFF
PERMISSION,
HARRY

JUST
FRY
THE SWINE.

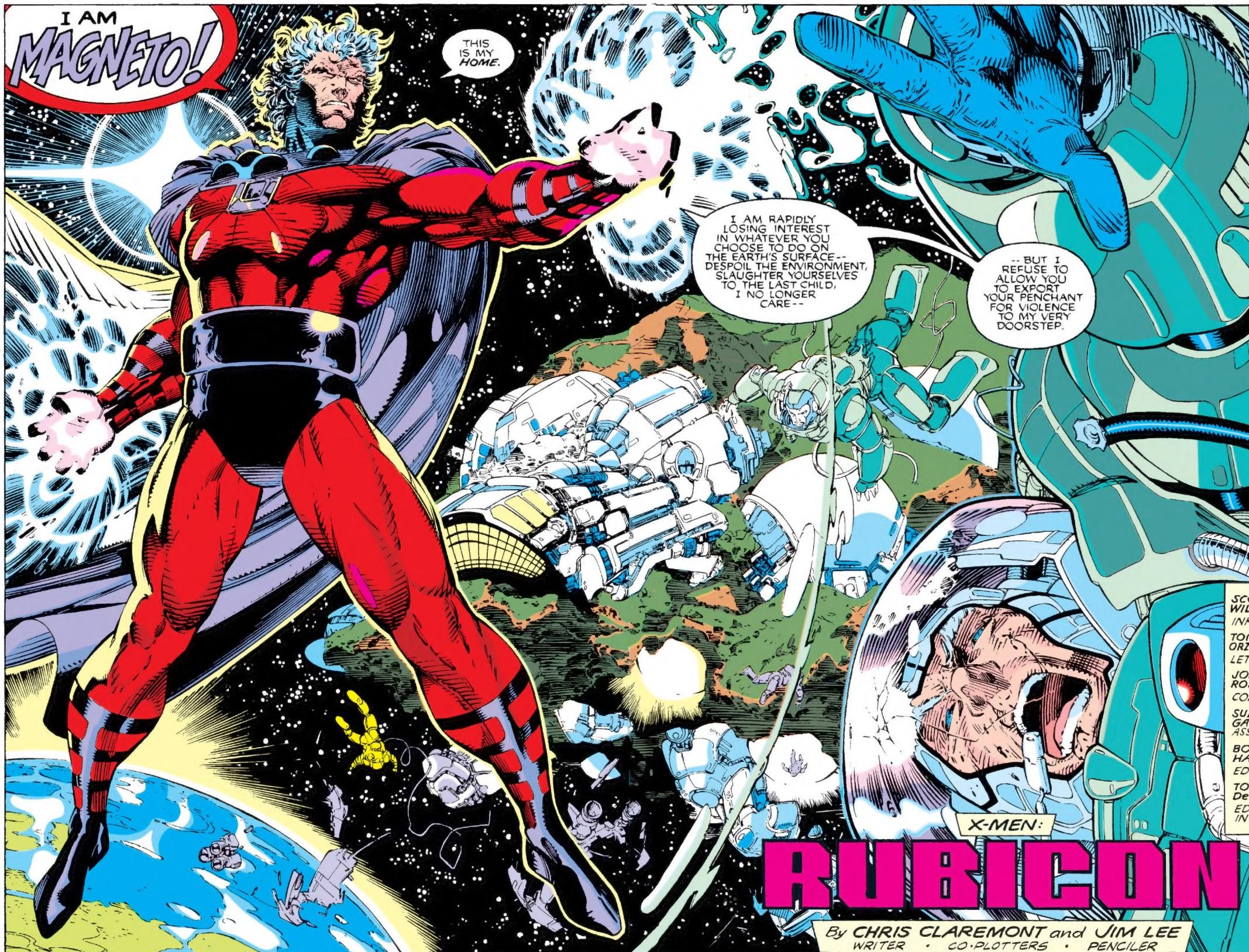
A HUNDRED-
FIFTY MILES
ABOVE MOTHER
RUSSIA, NANCE?

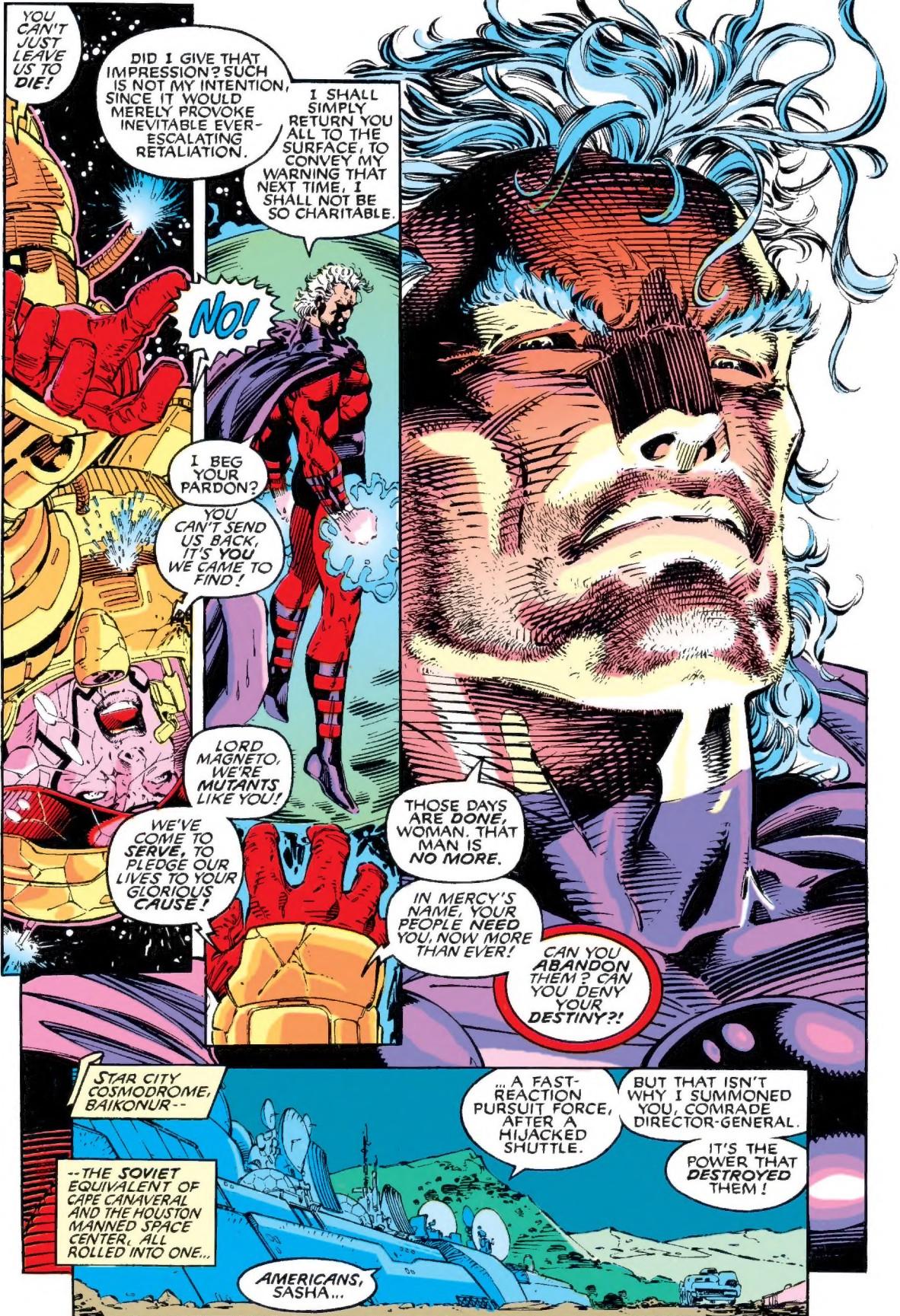
REAL EASY WAY
TO START A
WORLD WAR.

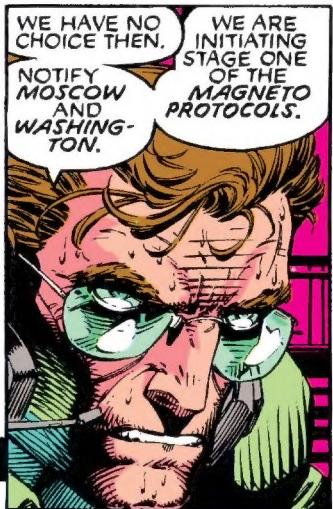
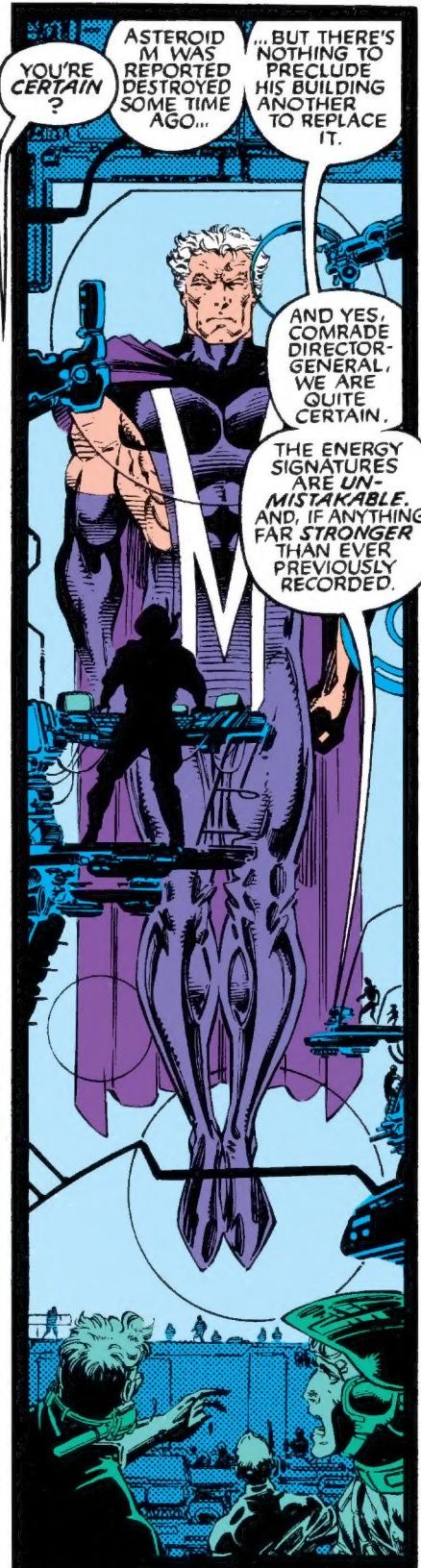
SKIPPER,
I'M RECORDING
MASSIVE SPIKES,
ALL ACROSS THE
ELECTROMAGNETIC
SPECTRUM! LOSING
COHERENCE ON
ALL INTERNAL
ELECTRONICS!

SOMETHING'S
HAPPENING
UP AHEAD!

THAT
FLASH OF
LIGHT!

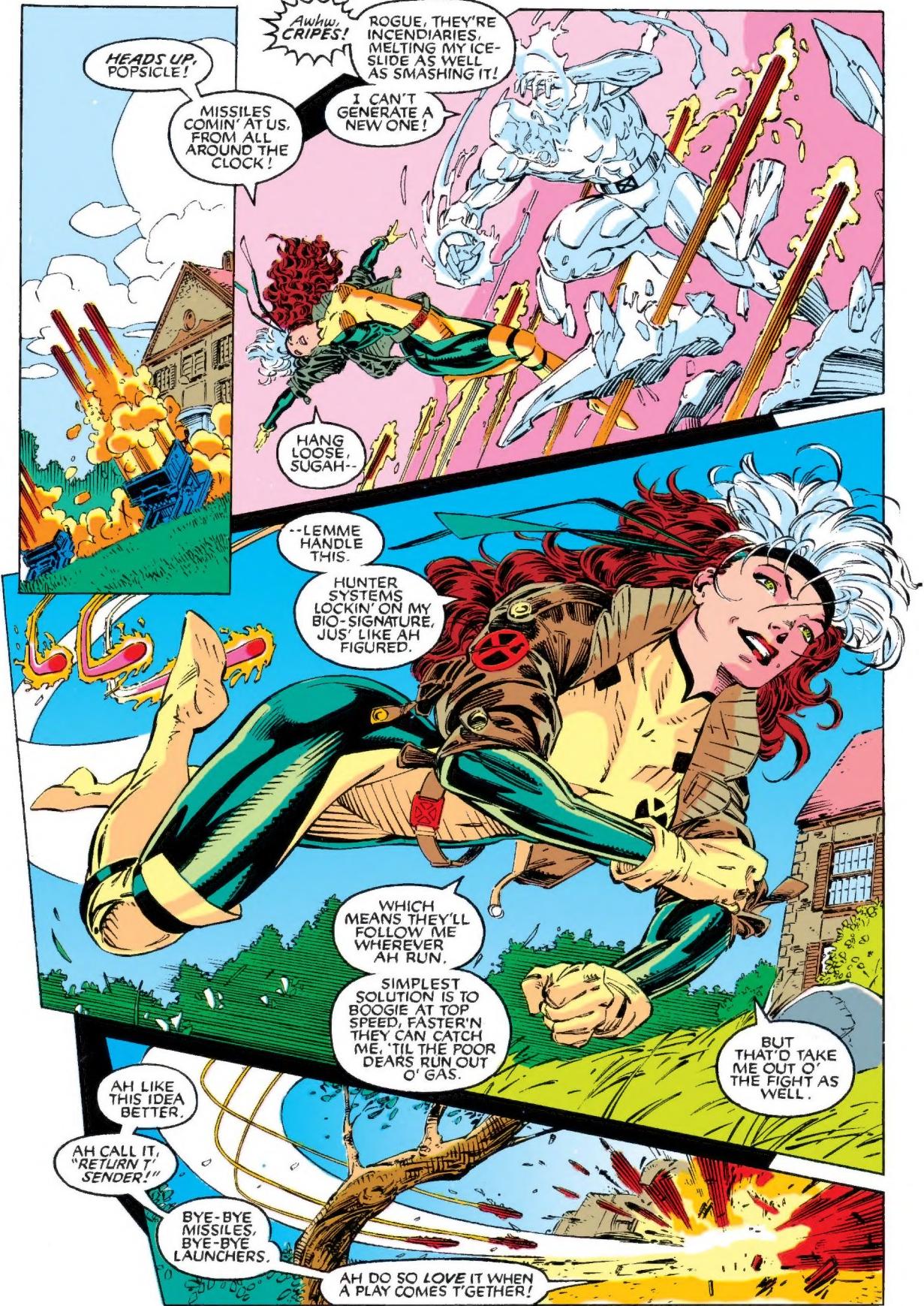


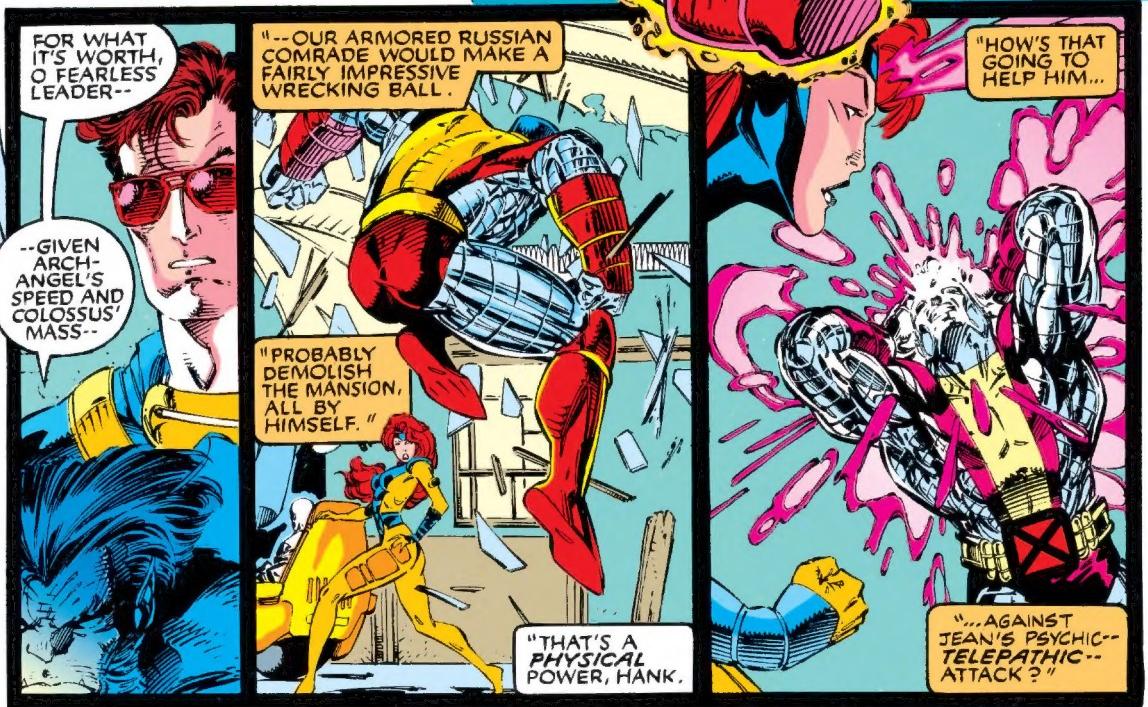
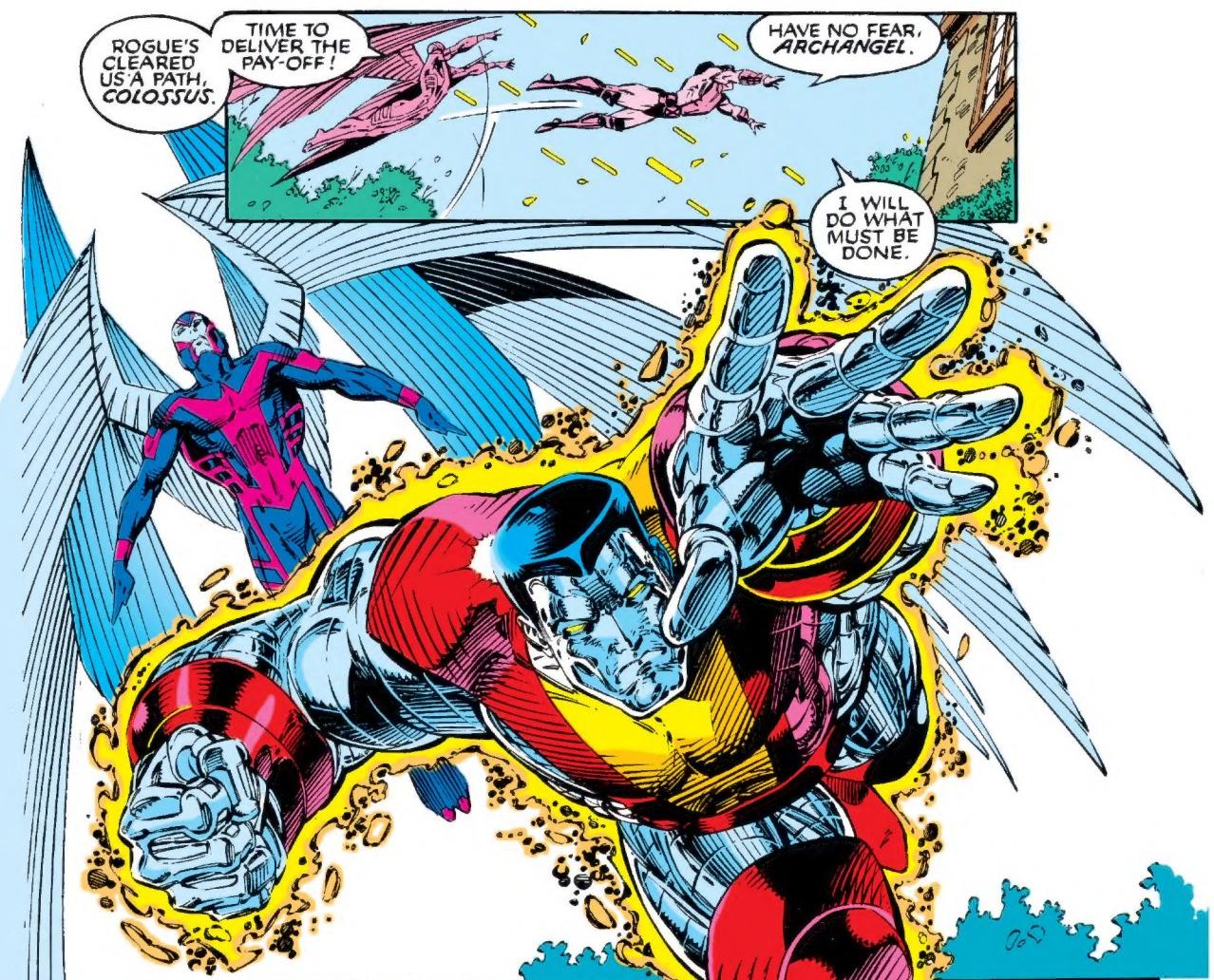


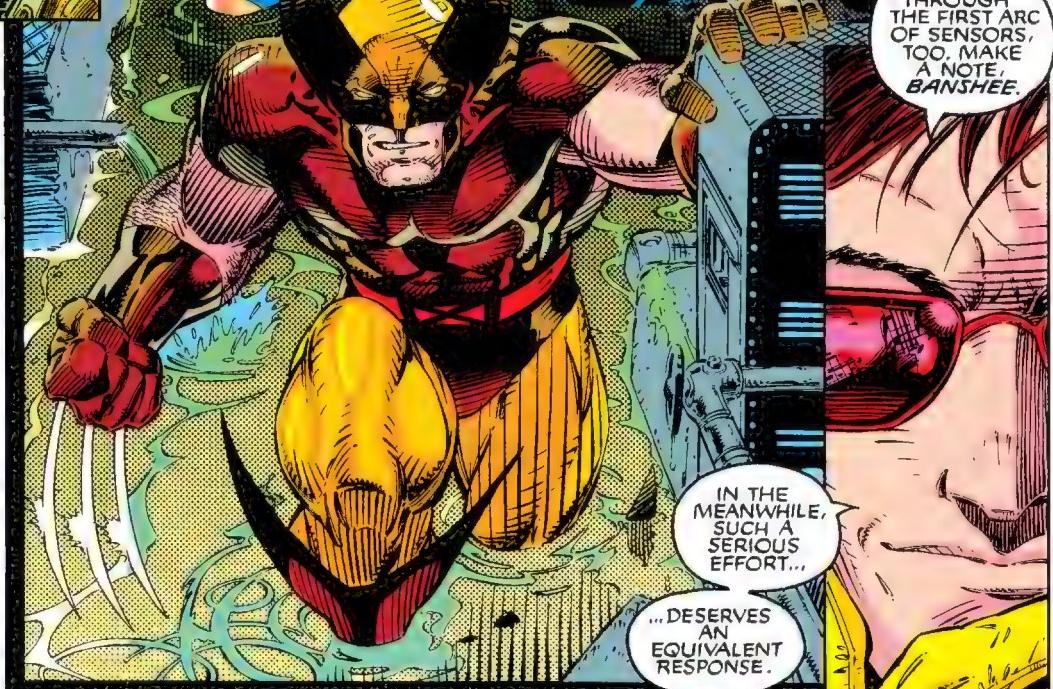


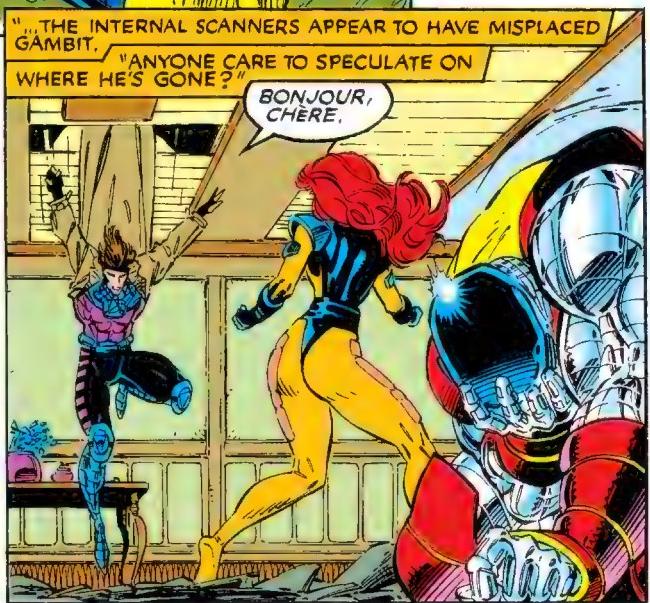












WITH A SPEED THAT DEFIES DESCRIPTION, AND A SMILE GUARANTEED TO MELT THE FIERCEST HEART...

...THE ACADIEN DRAWS A PLAYING CARD FROM THE DECK HE ALWAYS CARRIES.

IN ONE SMOOTH MOVEMENT, HE CHARGES IT WITH KINETIC ENERGY (HIS MUTANT POWER) AND LETS IT FLY.

ON IMPACT, THE WALL BEHIND JEAN DETONATES WITH THE FORCE OF A SMALL BOMB.

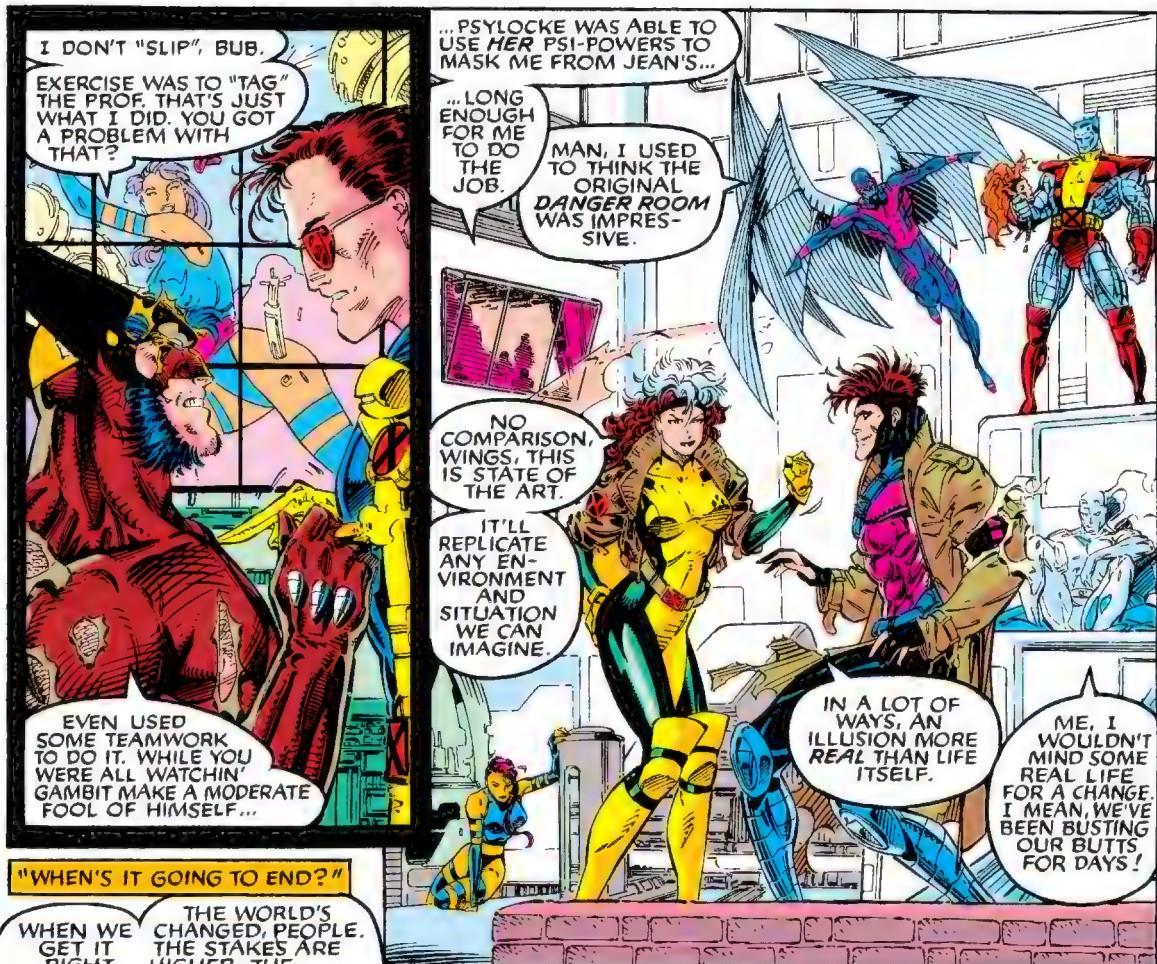
LA TOURNEMENT EST FINIT, CHERE.

I WIN.









LATER...

...ASTEROID M IS STILL CLOAKED BUT WE THINK IT'S STILL HOLDING ORBIT OVER THE EURASIAN HEMISPHERE.

SOVIETS AIN'T AT ALL HAPPY ABOUT THAT. THEY'VE PLEDGED NOT TO ACT UNLESS PROVOKED...

...BUT THEY'RE ON A HAIR-TRIGGER THRESHOLD.

WHY?
WHAT'S HE DONE?!

A FIGHT STARTED ON HIS DOORSTEP, HE PUT A STOP TO IT. FAR AS ANYONE KNOWS, ALL THE SURVIVORS ARE PRETTY MUCH OKAY.

WAY YOU TALK, NICHOLAS. FOLKS EXPECT HIM TO START NUKIN' MAMA RUSSIA ANY MOMENT.

THERE'S PRECEDENT FOR THEIR CONCERN, ROGUE.

AND FOR GIVING HIM THE BENEFIT OF THE DOUBT, SCOTT. REMEMBER, HE WAS OUR ALLY.

NO FOOLIN'? AN' THERE, I THOUGHT ALL THIS TIME MAGNETO WAS A MAN.

WE'VE ALL GOT SHADOWS IN OUR PAST...

THE ONE INDISPUTABLE REALITY, WOLVERINE, IS THE POWER MAGNETO POSSESSES. WHETHER USED FOR GOOD OR ILL, IT MUST BE RESPECTED.

AND WHILE I HOPE FERVENTLY FOR THE ONE...

...WE MUST BE FULLY PREPARED TO CONFRONT THE OTHER.

AND BEFORE THAT, STORM, THE X-MEN'S OLDEST, DEADLIEST FOE, LEOPARDS DON'T CHANGE THEIR SPOTS.

...WE'VE ALL BEEN BRANDED OUTLAWS.

I ACCEPT YOUR PROPOSAL, CYCLOPS, TO SPLIT THE X-MEN INTO TWO STRIKE TEAMS.

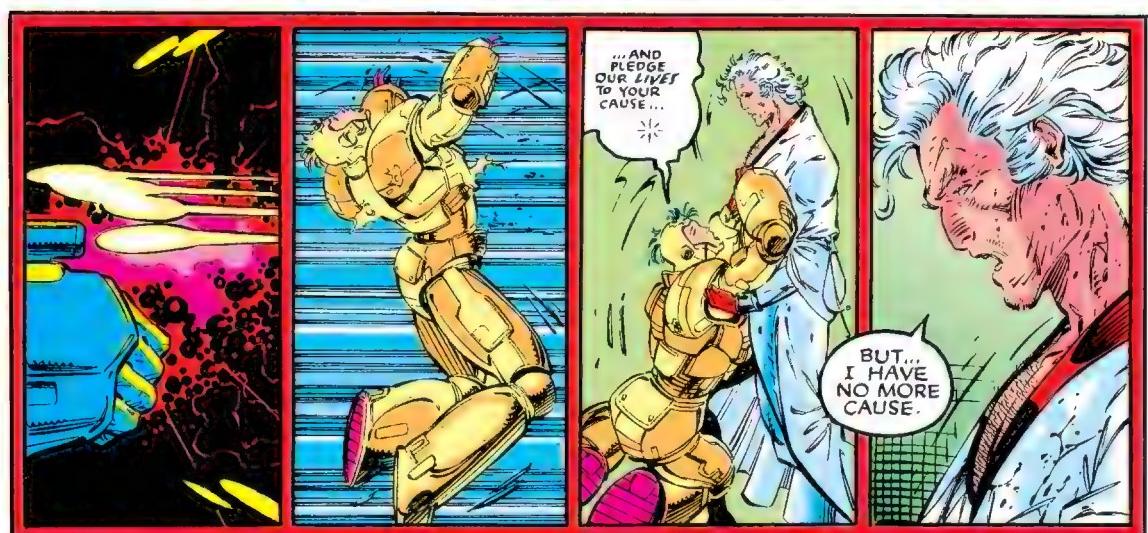
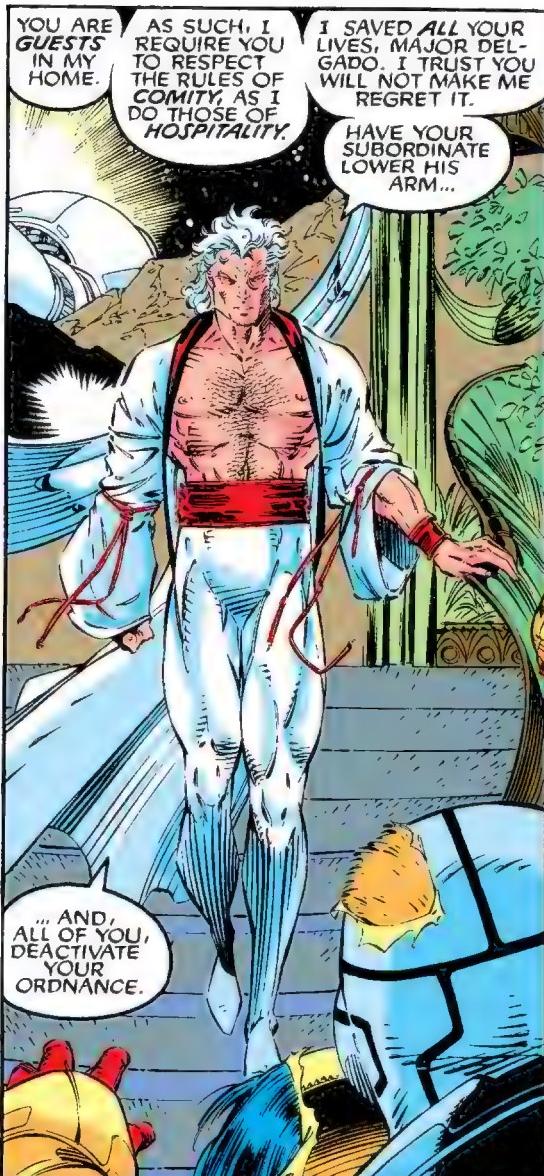
THAT WILL ALLOW US A GREATER FLEXIBILITY IN OUR RESPONSE TO ANY GIVEN SITUATION.

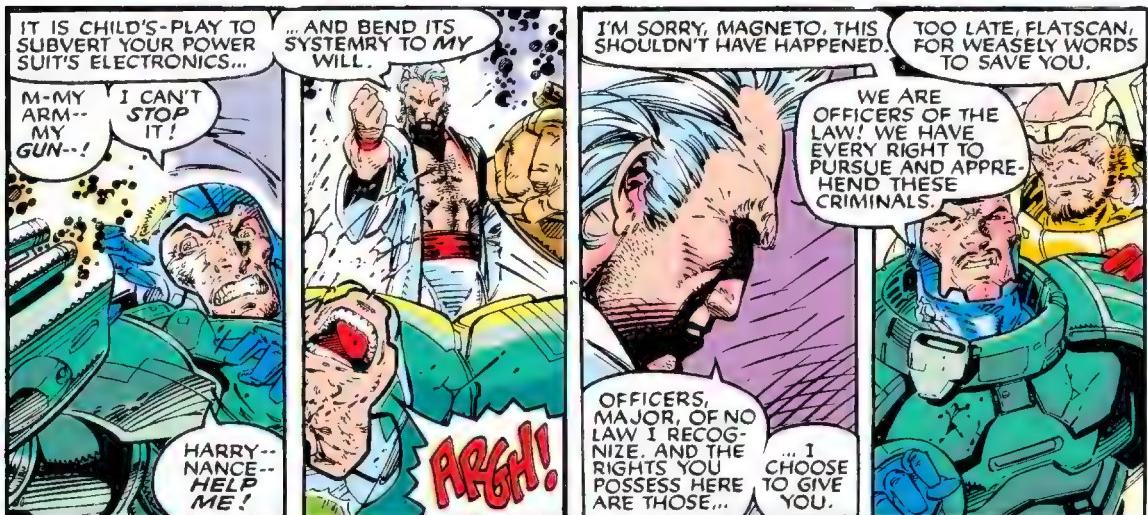
IN THE MEANWHILE, COLONEL FURY, WE WILL SEARCH OUR FILES FOR ANY DATA ON MAGNETO THAT MIGHT PROVE HELPFUL. SHOULD YOU NEED FURTHER ASSISTANCE...

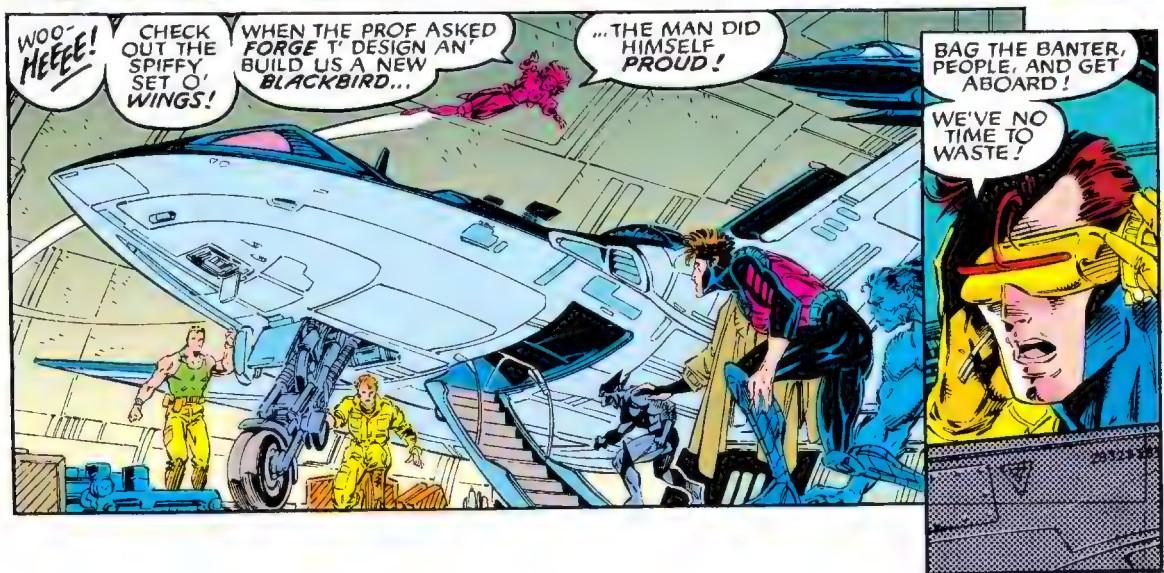
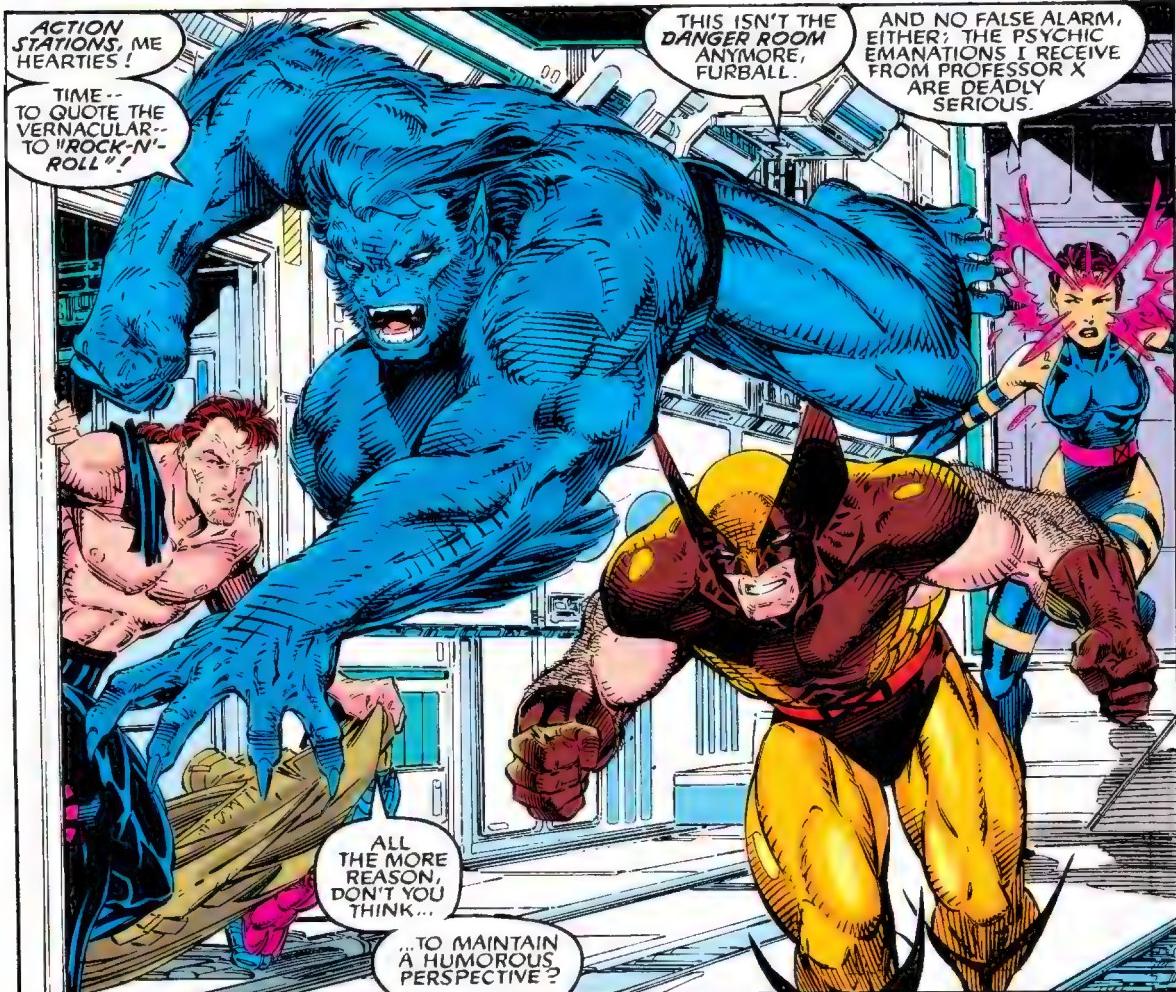
I KNOW THE NUMBER.

KEEP OUR FINGERS CROSSED...









"PROF SAYS SOMETHING BIG IS HAPPENING IN MID-ATLANTIC!"

MOMENTS AGO,
HE STOOD AT
THE BOTTOM OF
THE OCEAN...

...LITERALLY MILES BEHIND ITS SURFACE, IN A REALM OF AWFUL DARKNESS AND ABYSMAL COLD, AS ALIEN AND HOSTILE AS ANY FOREIGN PLANET.



STOOD AND STARED AT HIS HANDIWORK.

AND REMEMBERED...

...A DAY LONG PAST WHEN, IN HIS ARROGANCE, HE COMMANDED THE GREAT POWERS OF THE WORLD TO DISARM THEIR NUCLEAR ARSENALS.

HIS GOAL WAS NOBLE, OR SO HE THOUGHT, TO REMOVE FOREVER FROM ALL PEOPLE - MUTANTS AND BASELINE HUMANS - THE THREAT OF NUCLEAR ANNIHILATION.

THE GOVERNMENTS HE CHALLENGED DIDN'T SEE IT THAT WAY.



THE SOVIET UNION ORDERED AN IMMEDIATE COUNTER-STRIKE...



...FROM THE FLEET BALLISTIC MISSILE SUBMARINE LENINGRAD.



HE DEFLECTED THE ATTACK...

...AND THEN, AS AN OBJECT LESSON...

...SANK THE VESSEL THAT LAUNCHED IT.

WATER PRESSURE CRUSHED THE SUB-MARINE'S HULL...

...BUT NOT SO THE LAUNCH TUBES OF CASE-HARDENED STEEL.

SOME OF THE MISSILES WERE DAMAGED, BUT A SURPRISING NUMBER HE DISCOVERS REMAIN INTACT.

BEEN A WHILE, MAGNETO.

NEVER CALLED, NEVER WROTE, AH WAS STARTIN' T' FIGURE YOU'D FORGOTTEN ALL 'BOUT ME.

THAT'S NO WAY FOR FRIENDS TO ACT.

HELLO, ROGUE.

I SUNK LENINGRAD AS AN ACT OF SELF-DEFENSE, WOLVERINE.

I RESURRECT IT FOR THE SAME REASON.

YOU RAISE THIS WRECK OUT OF THE KINDNESS OF YOUR HEART, MAGS--

--FIGURIN' MAYBE T' GIVE THESE SAILOR BOYS A DECENT BURIAL --

...OR WHAT?

WE DON'T THREATEN YOU, MAGNETO, NOBODY DOES.

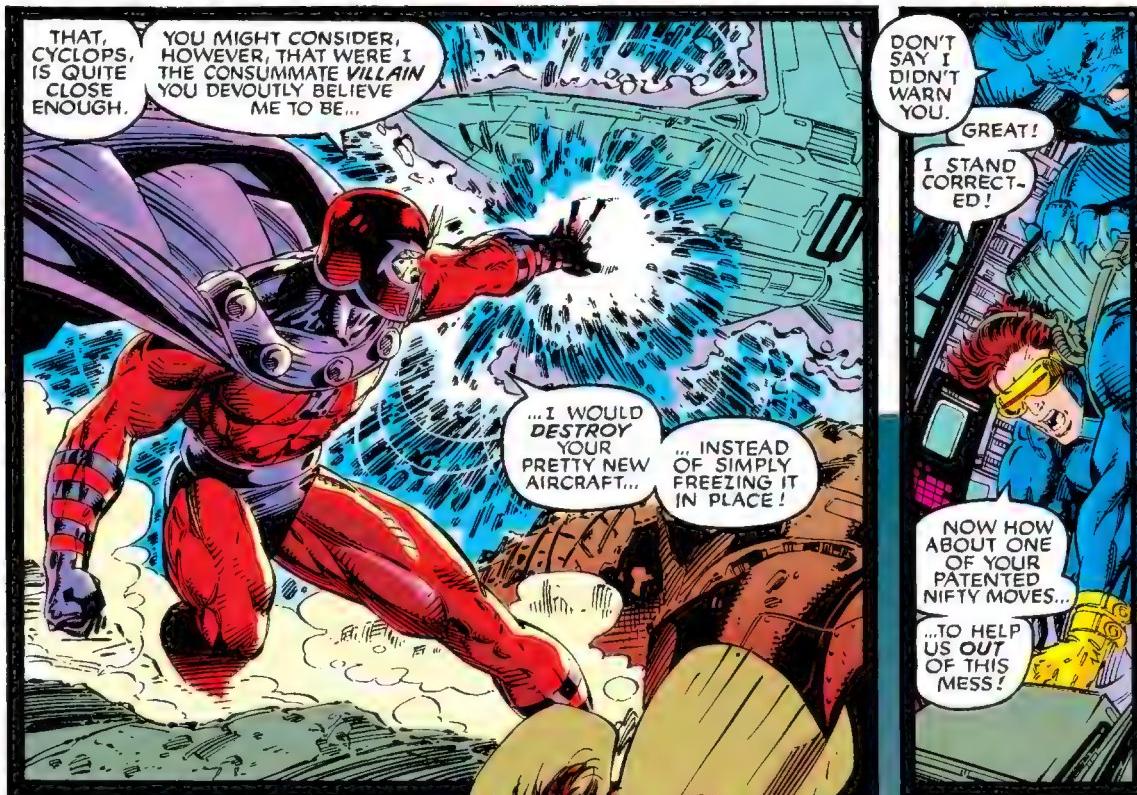
AND NOW, CHILD, NOBODY WILL.

OR WHAT, YOU GONNA NUKE 'EM?

THE AMERICAN PRESIDENT CONSIDERS HIMSELF A PRUDENT MAN...

...WHO PERHAPS PRAYS FOR THE BEST, BUT IS ALWAYS READY FOR THE WORST.

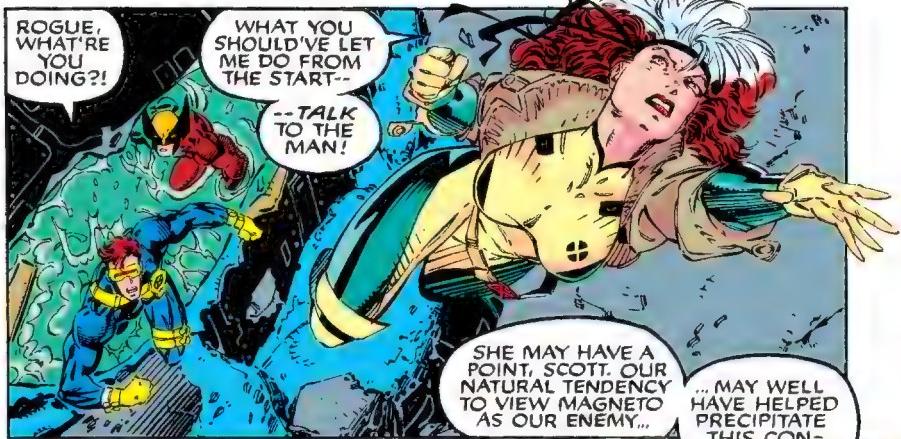
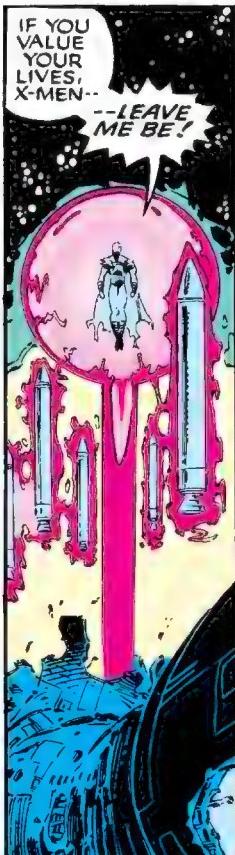
I AM NO DIFFERENT.











MAGNETO, MOSTLY FOLKS KNOW YOU AS THE WORLD-CLASS MUTIE TERRORIST. YOU'RE THE BOOGIE-MAN THAT'S USED TO FRIGHTEN PEOPLE ABOUT US.

BY ACTIN' THE WAY YOU ARE NOW...



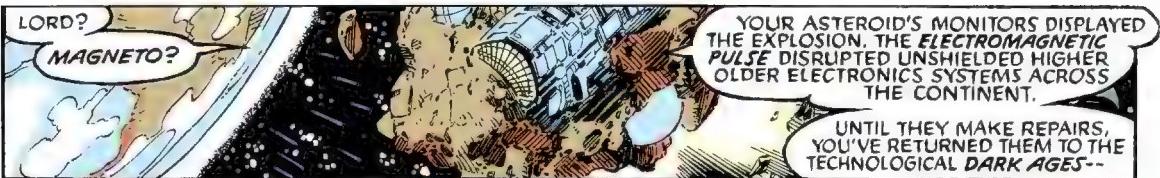
...YOU'RE PROVIN' 'EM RIGHT!

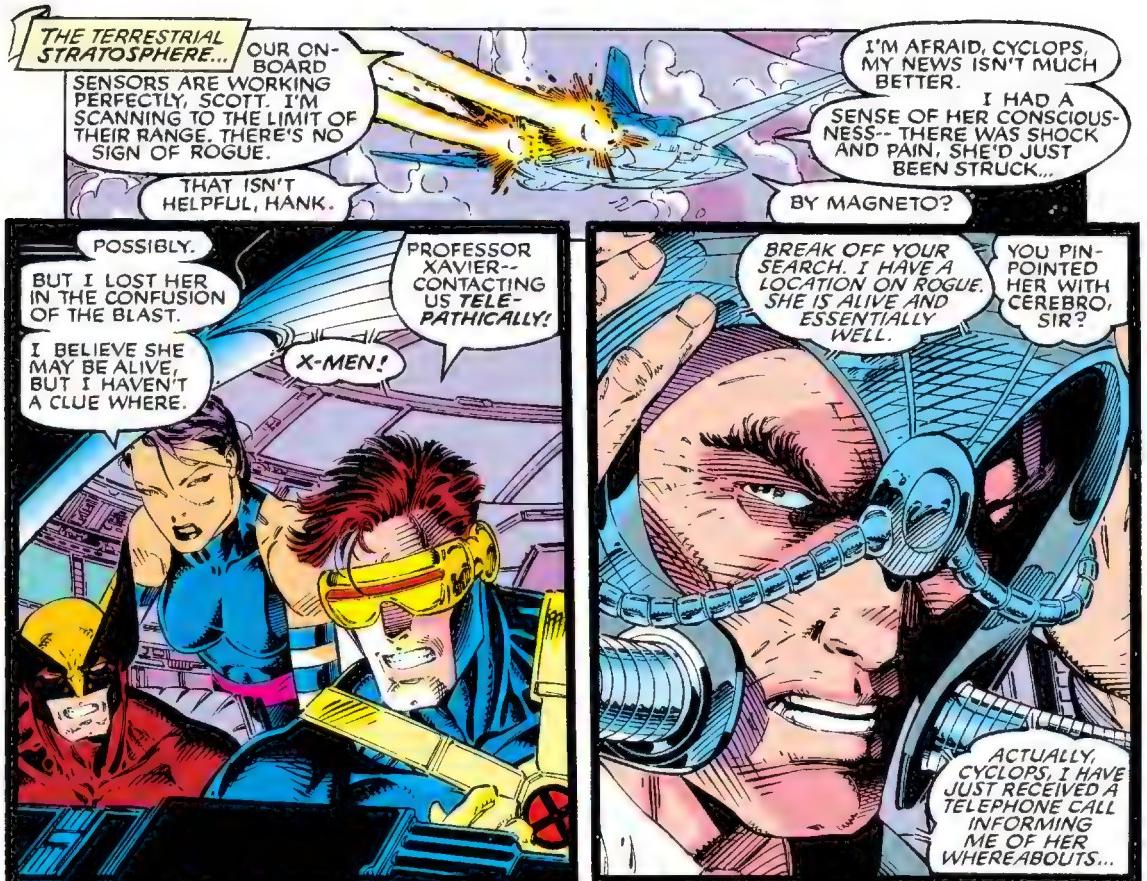
I TRIED TO CHANGE, AND PAID FOR THAT FOLLY WITH THE BLOOD OF INNOCENTS. I TRIED TO FOLLOW XAVIER'S PATH TO A PEACEFUL CO-EXISTENCE BETWEEN 'HOMO SAPIENS' AND 'HOMO SAPIENS SUPERIOR.'



"SO YOU FIGURE, WHAT. THERE'S NOTHIN' GOOD CAN COME O' THIS, AH MIGHT AS WELL GIVE UP?"



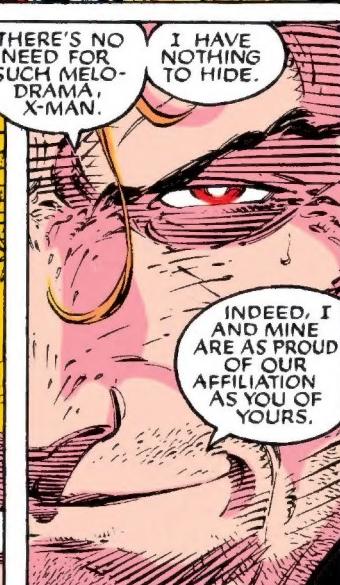


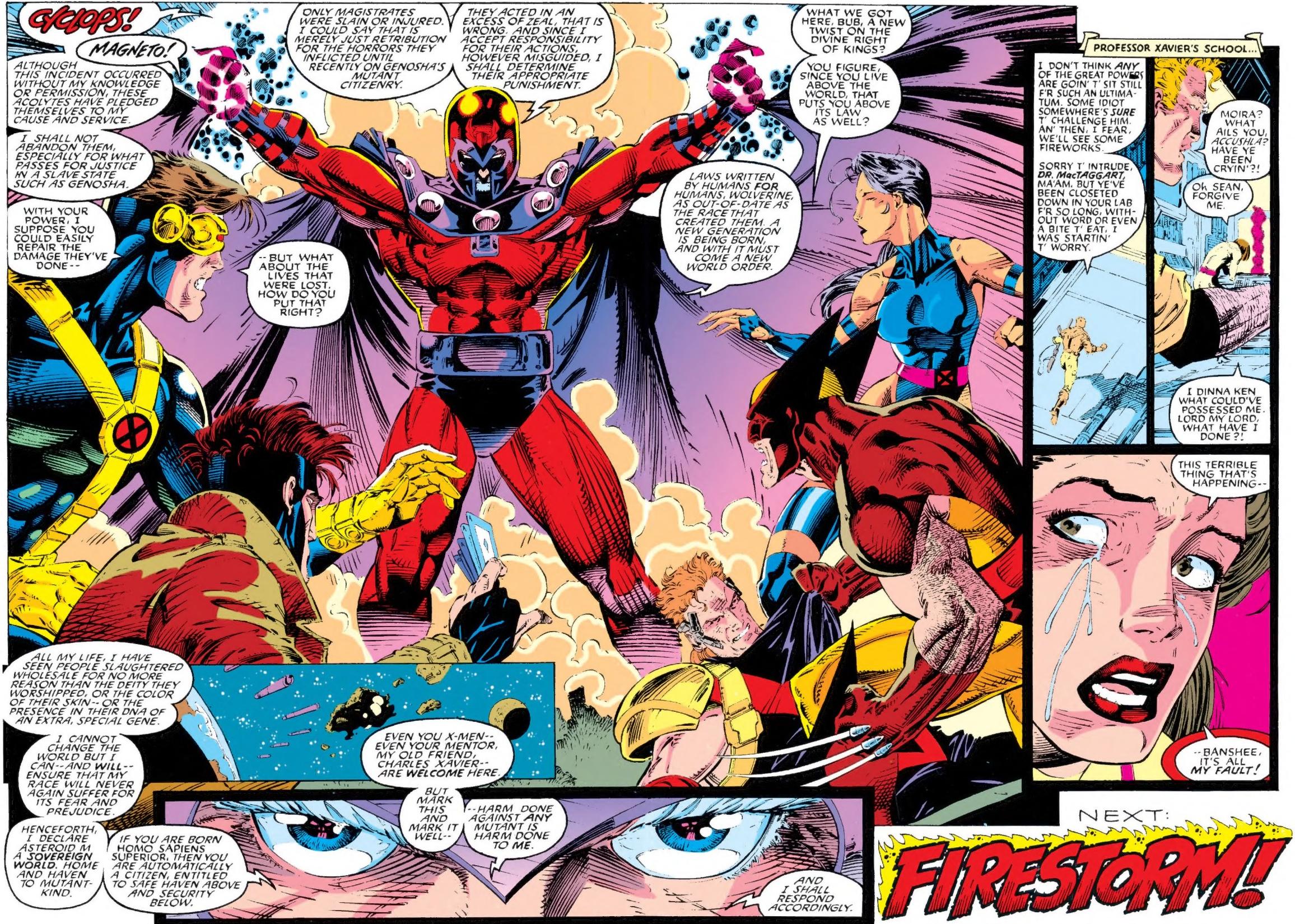














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CLASSIFIED

THINGS
TO
COME

LEE &
Williams

MINUTEMEN



Blumentman